

Parish Life December 8 - 16

**Saturday, December 8**

Nicholasville "St. Nich" Festival & Parade

- 6:30pm **Vigil**
- 8pm Confessions

**Sunday, December 9** *Conception of Theotokos*

- 9am Sunday School
- 10am **Divine Liturgy**
- 12pm Fellowship Hour (*team V*)
- 12:30pm Bread Ministry (*Teresa, Bert*)
- 6pm Youth Group

**Monday, December 10**

**Tuesday, December 11**

**Wednesday, December 12**

- 6:30pm **Great Vespers**
- 7:20pm Presentation on St. Herman w/cookies & tea
- 8:20pm **Small Compline** followed by Confessions

**Thursday, December 13** *St. Herman of Alaska*

- 9am **St. Herman Liturgy** w/Potluck Breakfast following
- 7:30pm Parish Council Meeting

**Friday, December 14**

**Saturday, December 15**

- 3pm Altar-server Workshop & Fish Dinner
- 6:30pm **Vigil**
- 8pm Confessions

**Sunday, December 16**

- 9am Baptisms/Chrismations
- 10am **Divine Liturgy**
- 12pm Fellowship Hour (*team I*)
- 12:30pm Bread Ministry (*Ben, Renee*)
- 6pm Girls Group



**Saint Athanasius**

ORTHODOX CHURCH

Sunday, December 9, 2018

*28th Sunday After Pentecost*

Today's Epistle Readings: Col. 1:12-18 & Gal. 4:22-31

Today's Gospel Reading: Luke 17:12-19 & 8:16-21



**St. Herman of Alaska, Patron of North America**

**His Beatitude Tikon, Archbishop of Washington,  
Metropolitan of All America and Canada  
His Eminence Alexander, Archbishop of Dallas and the South**

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### Welcome to St. Athanasius Orthodox Church

You are encouraged you to participate (sit, stand, or kneel) at your comfort level. Greeters and doorkeepers are happy to answer questions and can provide you Liturgy booklets to guide you through the service. **NOTE: HOLY COMMUNION IS ONLY GIVEN TO ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS WHO HAVE KEPT FAST, MADE RECENT CONFESSION, AND ARE AT PEACE WITH NEIGHBORS.**

**Welcome to Pavel Kuchmy** who this morning was enrolled as a catechumen of the Orthodox Church. He joins a large group preparing to be received into the Church by our Archbishop Alexander in conjunction with our Palm Sunday celebrations in the spring. Please keep Pavel and all our catechumens in your prayers!

**Youth Group** will gather at 5:55pm tonight at Rose Terrace Home to begin a homebound visitation night that will culminate in dessert and coffee/tea together later in the evening. See one of the youth leaders if you have questions about this special outreach evening.

**St. Herman's Day** marks the repose of the patron saint of North America--the first canonized saint in our American lands. We keep this important feast liturgically with **Great Vespers** at 6:30pm this Wednesday night and **Festal Liturgy** (followed by lenten potluck) at 9am this Thursday. Additionally, we are hosting our first-ever St. Herman-related event for our children, led by Tommy Evans. Tommy will do a teaching on the life of St. Herman at 7:15pm Wednesday (geared for the young and young at heart.) Afterwards, we will enjoy our "St. Herman Spruce Island" cookies and tea. We are encouraging our young people to bring festal homemade cookies made to the theme of St. Herman and/or Spruce Island. Fr. Justin will have special prizes for both the taste of the cookies and the decorations for the cookies.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON THURSDAY, DEC. 13 AT 7:30PM IN PARISH HALL. PARISHIONER ARE WELCOME!**

**An Altar-Servers' Workshop & Fish Dinner** is scheduled for 3-6pm this Saturday, Dec. 15. All servers need to attend to help achieve the following goals:

1. Tighten up our serving, mentoring little kids especially.
2. Learn to ring the bells.
3. Do some cleaning to help get the church ready for Christmas.
4. Bonus—enjoy Fish Dinner together!

| Date  | Bread Ministry                        | Doorkeeper                           | Greeter           | Fellowship Hour           | Prospora            | Counter                    |
|-------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|
| 12/9  | Teresa Hall<br>Bert Smith             | Jeff Hart                            | Josh<br>Lourie    | Team V<br>Kamau           | Alina Rizea<br>Rusu | Mary Cook<br>Tim Powell    |
| 12/16 | Ben Worthington<br>Renee Smothers     | Chris Naughton,<br>Verity, Mandariah | John Mize         | Team I<br>Frangedakis     | Sarah<br>Holiday    | Anna Rij<br>Patrick Mooney |
| 12/23 | Sue Clark<br>Anna Rij                 | Linda Frangedakis,<br>Myra, Shannon  | Rebecca<br>Wilson | Team II<br>Werner         | Lourie<br>Family    | Ellie Sutter<br>Mary Cook  |
| 12/30 | Linda Frangedakis<br>Bethany Sheldahl | Paul<br>Frangedakis                  | Josh<br>Lourie    | 5th Sunday Team<br>Wilson | Maary<br>Bradshaw   | Tim Powell<br>Anna Rij     |

### Two Reminders

**St. Nicholas Gifts (Angel Tree Gifts)** should be brought to church this weekend, *unwrapped* with identifying tags.

**No Sunday School next weekend** so that we can share in the Christmations/Baptisms of the Chisholm family. Their sponsors will set out gift baskets in the conference room.

Due to the holiday schedule Sunday School is cancelled until Jan. 13, 2019.

### Service Schedule for Feast of Nativity

Monday, 12/24 (strict fasting day)

9am **Royal Hours**

10:30am **Vespertal Liturgy**

6:30pm **Nativity Vigil**

Tuesday, 12/25 - *Nativity*

8am **Liturgy for the Birth of our Lord**

Wednesday, 12/26 - *Synaxis of Most-Holy Theotokos*

6:30pm **Great Vespers for St. Stephen**

7:20pm **Fellowship**

### Service Schedule for New Year's Eve

Monday, 12/31

5:30pm **Vespertal Liturgy for the New Year**

7pm **Dance in the Parish Hall**

Note: We enjoy a fast-free period from 12/25/18 - 01/04/19.

| Date  | Tray Offering | Tithely  | wkly total | mthly total        | Special Offering          |
|-------|---------------|----------|------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| 11/25 | \$3,048.00    | \$329.73 | \$3,377.73 | <b>\$12,894.40</b> | None                      |
| 12/2  | \$2,509.00    | \$695.12 | \$3,204.12 | <b>\$3,204.12</b>  | \$200 Alms (St. Nicholas) |

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